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TOKYO PLEASE PASS MCRORY FOR FRANK HODSOLL (WHITE HOUSE) WHO
ATTENDING ESV MEETING IN KYOTO.

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA, ACTION SECSTATE,
INFO USMISSION NATO, MARCH 13, 1973 REPEATED TO YOU:

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SUBJ: PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING CCMS PLENARY IN OTTAWA

BEGIN SUMMARY: DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ISSUED PRESS RELEASE
MAR 12 (BACKDATED TO MAR 9) ANNOUNCING THAT
NATO CCMS HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM CANADA TO HOLD
APRIL CCMS PLENARY IN OTTAWA. END SUMMARY.

1. TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED
TODAY THAT THE NATO COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF
MODERN SOCIETY- (CCMS) - HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO HOLD ITS EIGHTH
PLENARY SESSION IN OTTAWA, APRIL 10-11. THE SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HON MITCHELL SHARP,
AND THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HON JACK DAVIS
WILL BE THE HOSTS TO THE DELEGATES FROM THE 15 MEMBER
NATIONS OF NATO WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.
OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY
CONCERNED WITH THE WORK OF THE CCMS ARE THE MINISTRY OF
STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE MINISTRY OF TRANS-
PORT, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, ALL OF WHICH WILL
PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS.

THE CCMS WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL
IN 1969 TO PROMOTE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE
AMONG NATO AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC
PROBLEMS OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF
STIMULATING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON SUCH PROBLEMS. SINCE
THEN, THE CCMS HAS UNDERTAKEN NINE PROJECTS IN THE AREAS
OF AIR POLLUTION, ADVANCED HEALTH CARE, WASTE TREATMENT,
URBAN TRANSPORTATION AND ROAD SAFETY, COASTAL AND INLAND
WATER POLLUTION, WORK SATISFACTION, REGIONAL PLANNING AND
DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

THE PROJECTS, ONCE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE, ARE CARRIED
OUT OR PILOTTED BY THOSE MEMBERS HAVING A PARTICULAR
INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER, AND THEIR RESULTS ARE
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.
CANADA HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART IN SEVERAL OF THE PROJECTS
AND PILOTS AN INLAND WATER PROJECT WHICH IS DESIGNED TO
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EXPLORE THE PROBLEMS OF RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT IN A
MULTIJURISDICTIONAL SETTING. CANADA HAS CHOSEN AS A CASE
STUDY FOR THE PROJECT THE SAINT JOHN RIVER BASIN.

THE CCMS MEETS TWICE YEARLY TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF
ONGOING PROJECTS, TO SELECT NEW UNDERTAKINGS AND TO
DISCUSS AT A SENIOR POLICY LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
AND ACTIVITIES IN EACH MEMBER COUNTRY. THE MEETING IN
OTTAWA MARKS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE CCMS WILL MEET AWAY

FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF NATO AT BRUSSELS.

AT THE OTTAWA MEETING OF THE CCMS IN APRIL, CANADIAN
EXPERTS WILL HAVE AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME AC-
QUAINTED WITH COUNTERPART EXPERTS FROM EUROPE AND THE USA.
AT THE SAME TIME THE VISITORS WILL BE INTRODUCED,
IN MANY CASES FOR THE FIRST TIME, DIRECTLY TO CANADIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. END TEXT
JOHNSON.

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